

Carey had estimated debt-service costs in his budget on the basis of a projected 8.5 percent rate.

The state is struggling to meet its \$4 billion spring-bor-

## Drought Reduces Wheat Estimate; Yield Still Large

By SETH S. KING

Special to The New York Times

CHICAGO, April 8—An unusually dry winter and weeks of searing winds in the five major winter wheat states have reduced the crop expected this year by more than 26 percent, the Agriculture Department announced today.

In a special report on the condition of winter wheat in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and New Mexico, the department estimated production at 521.8 million bushels. This would be a reduction of more than 181.4 million bushels from last year's record yield.

Even so, the total 1975 winter and spring wheat crops were the largest in this country's history, and demand for them so far this year has slowed.

As a result, crop forecasters are expecting a carryover at the end of this crop year of nearly 500 million bushels, almost equal to a year's domestic needs.

Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz, during a Chicago speech just before the report was issued, said that despite the expected winter wheat loss from

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TOA is being considered by state officials.

The insurance tax, which still is in the exploratory stages in Albany, was proposed by Governor Carey's Economic Development Board as a possible solution to one of the state's most difficult economic problems—how to lower the taxes on business and businessmen that are pushing out companies and jobs while maintaining the revenues needed to keep budgets in balance.

Board officials say a tax on insurance premiums, which have not been taxed before, would raise revenues from the broadest possible base and would hit all segments of the economy and the population more or less equally.

With \$400 million it could produce at the current sales tax

has called "counterproductive taxes" that make New York a disadvantageous place in which to do business.

The proposal, which has been circulated to the Governor's staff and to legislative leaders, is one of several efforts the board is making as it works on the main task set for it by Mr. Carey—to produce a strategy for reviving the ailing economy of the state.

Among those efforts are:

• An investigation by architects, engineers, construction trade experts and the board's staff into why building costs are so high in New York City and in the state.

• A study of the feasibility of establishing a state development bank with private financ-

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draft-Humphrey campaign came a day after Pennsylvania labor leaders were reported to be organizing to block Jimmy Carter, the former Georgia Governor, in their state primary, keeping the Presidential picture fluid to promote the long-range prospects of Mr. Humphrey.

Representative Simon gave up the idea of forming a draft committee three months ago when the Federal Election Commission advised him that there might be a \$1,000 ceiling on its spending, under the 1974 campaign law.

Since then, the Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional any limit on independent spending by a citizen in support of or in opposition to any political candidate, as long as it is en-

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Like many of his predecessors, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is expressing private annoyance at the political influence that Admiral Rickover has with Congressional committees.

Despite its objections, the Defense Department made no attempt to block the shipbuilding program proposed by the House committee. The Pentagon said that the Administration was still studying a long-

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bers of Lebanon prepared to assemble on the border of Christian sectors.

Travelers from Palestinian and in Beirut said the Iranian troops took crossing short of clock yesterday other travelers have passed through point town. One witness re-

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## Job-Hungry Students Turning to C.I.A.

By ROBERT LINDSEY

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, April 9—

Despite the recent disclosure of wrongdoing by the Central Intelligence Agency, the number of college students seeking jobs in the agency has increased 30 percent over the last year, according to C.I.A. officials.

Recruiting efforts by the agency have touched off campus protests in a few cases, and some colleges still ban campus interviews by the agency. But, for the most part, according to a check with college administrators and students in 10 states, indifference and a search for work in a tight employment market has supplanted much of the campus anti-C.I.A. sentiment, which reached a peak in

the final years of the Vietnam War.

"I'm not that thrilled with working for that organization," said Richard Mintzer of New Rochelle, N.Y., a Duke University senior who specialized in Soviet studies. "On the other hand, there is a tight job mar-

ket." Mr. Mintzer has an application for an agency job in his room, but has not decided yet whether to submit it.

"I'd like to get a job using my skills; I know college grads who are packing groceries," said Michael Welsch, a senior who majored in Russian at Arizona State University. His application with the agency was turned down.

Victor Lindquist, director of placement at Northwestern University, said he thought that publicity about the agency, which included several Congressional investigations and disclosures of unlawful operations, had led to a "heightened interest" in intelligence work. "They've dragged the C.I.A.

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activities out of the cloak-room," he said. "They've lost some of the cloak-and-dagger aura. I think there's greater acceptance on the part of students pursuing a career; anyone expressing an interest in a C.I.A. job is not going to be ostracized."

Many students and administrators who were interviewed interpreted the agency's generally improved reception on college campuses as a reflection of the current job market. Another symptom of this, they said, is the general ebb of protest activities by the current generation of students as against those of a few years ago.

F. W. M. Janney, C.I.A. director of personnel, said in a telephone interview that, while the agency is now finding it easier to conduct interviews on campuses, the interviews themselves have sometimes tended to be more difficult for the interviewers.

"They [students] are asking us a lot more searching questions about our policies and about our activities, and we have had to give more answers and better answers than we have in the past," he said.

## Advertising Is Cited

Dr. Janney agreed that the recently depressed economy and resulting poor job outlook for graduates was apparently a major factor in the increased interest in the agency, but he said it was not the only one.

The 30 percent increase in applications, he said, is running almost 10 percent greater than the general increase this year in applications for Civil Service jobs.

"I would tend to equate the difference to the advertising that's taken place, in terms of the coverage we've received," he said wryly. "They know how to spell our name."

Dr. Janney would not specify the number of applications the agency had received. And, while he said the number of on-campus interviews increased this year, he added that this still lagged behind the number prior to 1968.

"Generally, we conduct interviews on campus unless we have reason to believe it would cause some embarrassment to the university or ourselves," he said.

The increase in applications has not been matched by a rise in job openings, enabling the agency to be more selective.

Dr. Janney said that the number of new employees hired by the agency this year would

be about the same as last year—approximately 700 clerical workers and 400 in "professional" positions. Of the latter, about half of the new employees will have bachelor's degrees, the rest advanced degrees.

## Minority Hiring

Without giving details, he said that the agency's efforts to hire more persons from minority groups had been moderately successful.

"We've had some better luck in our effort with Hispanics," he noted, but said that more efforts were needed in this area of recruitment.

Although the overall reception of C.I.A. recruiters has improved recently, visits or projected visits by agency representatives resulted in serious disruptions this year at the University of Indiana, the University of Michigan and the University of California, San Diego.

With only a few exceptions, however, the recent disclosures about the intelligence agency appear to have had little effect on recruiting.

Similarly, several college placement officials said there was generally little resistance to recruiting by the National Security Agency, which has also been accused of improper spying on American citizens.

Several students interviewed at Boston University said they had found it amusing that the college administration still discouraged campus interviews by the C.I.A.

"The C.I.A. is just like another business; why can't they recruit on campus?" said Michael Caraeff, a junior from Brooklyn.

One of about 50 Brown University students who took an examination to join the National Security Agency said, "Basically, everybody went for the same reason; it wasn't their first choice, but they wanted a job."

Another Brown student, Ana Marie Padilla, a senior majoring in mathematics, said that she liked the idea of working at the N.S.A.

"I'm not going to be out in the field assassinating people," she said. "I don't have any qualms about it; we need national security, and I would be assisting in national security."

Michael Curtin, a Brown senior described by friends as a radical on some issues, commented: "I don't see that the C.I.A. is intrinsically worse than a lot of other organizations. What it does is no worse than what the Chase Manhattan Bank does in other countries,

drawing off the profits and controlling industrialization. If I had time, I'd protest them all."

James Darling, a student of the University of Florida, said that despite the recent publicity he retained a "lifelong dream" to work for the agency. His biggest concern now over the disclosures appeared to be less ethical than practical. "All this publicity has hurt the C.I.A., just like it hurt Lockheed," he said.

"Personally, I wouldn't take a job with Lockheed right now," he said. "I just don't think there's any security in it. And I imagine a lot of people might feel the same way about the C.I.A."

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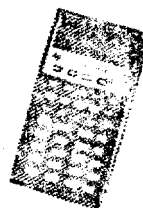
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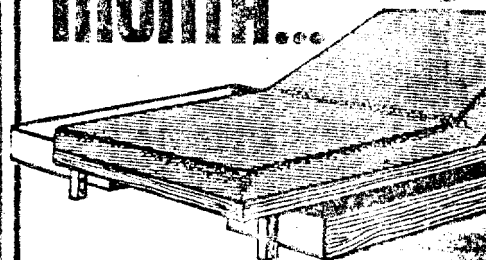
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